THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Railway administration is responsible for loss or theft of booked luggage only.

(b) In the case of booked luggage, the claim can be filed either by the consignee/the endorsed consignee or the consignor/any other agent on production of authority from the consignee.

Claims for compensation should be made on the prescribed proforma to the General Manager or Chief Commercial Manager or Chief Claims Officer or at station goods shed or at parcel office either at booking Railway or destination Railway or the railway on which loss or theft has occurred. Claims should be filed within six months from the date of booking with necessary documents like Railway Receipt, Beejuck or Sale invoice of the goods, etc.

(c) Compensation amounting to Rs. 921.64 lakhs was paid for loss or theft of goods, parcel and luggage during 2002-03.

Extension of Rail Lines in Uttaranchal

4471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Railways for extension of Railway lines in Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work for new rail lines is to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) An updating Survey for new line from Kiccha to Khatima has been completed and proposal has been processed for necessary approvals.

Demand of Wagons

4472. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Railway is unable to meet the demand of wagons required by onion, lime stone, cement, salt associations etc. in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to meet the demand adequately in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Railway have been broadly able to meet the demand of traffic in the State of Gujarat. However, in certain cases, there has been some time gap between registration of indents and supply of rakes primarily due to movement problems of a particular region like North East.

Revised Jurisdiction of Railway Zones

4473. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Ministry has revised jurisdiction of 23 railway zones in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Railways have fixed the jurisdiction of 8 newly created railway divisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir. It is not the jurisdiction of 23 Railway Zones but jurisdiction of 23 Railway Divisions, that has been revised.

(b) The names of the Railway Divisions, the juridiction of which has been revised, are as under :-

Jhansi, Jabalpur, Mumbai, Solapur, Allahabad, Kota, Jaipur, Izatnagar, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Bilaspur, Delhi, Chakradharpur, Hubli, Adra, Alipurduar, Vadodara, Rajkot, Ajmer, Ratlam and Bikaner.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The eight new Divisions, the jurisdiction of which has been fixed are as under :—

Ahmedabad, Agra, Guntur, Nanded, Pune, Raipur, Ranchi and Rangiya.

Madurai-Rameshwaram Broad Gauge Project

4474. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Madurai-Rameshwaram Broad Gauge Project;

(b) the details of the amount spent so far and funds allocated during the current financial year;